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## EDITORIAL

The Winter edition of this journal indicated that, during 1980, sightings of UFO's had been somewhat reduced in numbers. It has since transpired that some newspapers and even so-called ufologists who should know better, have declared UFO's to have gone away completely during 1981. These people have obviously not bothered to enquire on the files of worthwhile organisations such as CONTACT to ascertain the facts! Sightings continue to come in unabated and we continue to file them unabated! All that is lacking perhaps is a really good contactee case which will set the media and/or publicity seekers humming.

During February of this year many phoned in reports were received at headquarters of objects seen in the general area of Oxford. An object described as showing red, green and blue lights and moving from "side to side" was seen at 6.45p.m. on February 2nd at Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks. An object of almost identical description was seen at Radley, Oxon., at 6.45p.m. on February 13th by completely separate witnesses.

Press Reports are to hand for sightings this year from Kidderminster, Dumfries, Cinderford (Glos.) Hawick and many others from the USA.

The second UFO congress in London on May 24-25 was reported widely in the Press and on television news. The cause of Ufology was not helped by the large number of flippant reports on the proceedings - most reporters looking for bits of sensationalism of the "Green Men" variety and the Duke of Edinburgh receiving UFO reports, rather than more reasoned arguments.

We wish to thank all members who have purchased car stickers since our last issue. There has been a good response, but more are available if required at 45p., plus SAE, from headquarters. A number of new members have joined us as a result of seeing a car sticker, which is most encouraging.

A final reminder that subscriptions are due for those who have not yet forwarded theirs. The subscription is £5.00 and should be sent to the Treasurer at headquarters.

It is appropriate at this time to remind investigators that the Committee are awarding a trophy for the investigator who in their opinion, performs most effectively in the cause of Ufology during the year. The person selected will be announced at the 1982 Annual General Meeting.

The winning prize essay entry is published in this edition together with the subjects for this year's competition. All members are urged to have a try and improve on last year's response.

The Editor



## REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting took place on Saturday January 24th at Ernulf School St. Neots Cambs., before a wide ranging audience of members, guests and investigators coming from as far afield as Leeds and Kent. The Chairman was John Sear and book stalls were manned by Kathy Hulcup and Paula Fenton of Data Research, Peter Paget and Lionel Beer. Peter Paget also provided stereo recordings of a ufological nature. Data Research once again provided a comprehensive display of UFO photographs, sighting reports and aeronautics. The general organiser was Mr. Bill Goldby, Investigator for the area.

The formal part of the meeting began at 14.00 with the Secretary's reading of the 1980 AGM Minutes (held in Oxford). The Minutes were accepted without alteration. There followed the Treasurer's Report which showed the Organisation's finances to be sound although the surplus on the previous year had been considerably depleted. The Committee of 1980-81 were then proposed for re-election with the exception of Paul Flatman who had not been able to confirm his willingness to stand again. It was proposed that Mrs. Paula Fenton, a valuable member of Data Research for the past year, be elected in place of Mr. Flatman. All existing officers and Mrs. Fenton were then elected to Committee for 1981-82.

The Chairman called for "Any Other Business" and Mr. Graham Birdsell, Investigator from Leeds, referred to the need for CONTACT to display more dynamic methods in recruiting, illustrating this by announcing 59 persons had sent for membership forms after his display in association with "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" at the Odeon Cinema, Leeds. Mr. Sear announced the new relationship between CONTACT INTERNATIONAL (UK) and the CONTACT INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, whose President, Ruth Rees, was present in the Audience. Finally the winner of the Prize Essay competition was announced.

After a short interval the audience was invited to hear a series of lectures from Investigators and special guests. The first of these was from Lionel Beer of BUFORA who gave details of the International Congress being held in London over Spring Bank Holiday weekend. There followed John Sear's review of UFO sightings etc., over the last year including a police chase in Yorkshire on September 13th; close encounters in Cumbria on November 21st and 26th; the vast number of reports of the objects seen on Christmas night; and several reports from South Africa during July. An interesting point was raised by Lionel Beer referring to the low incidence of UFO sightings during 1980 - astronomers had reported high sunspot activity - contrary to the belief that high sunspot activity is linked to high incidences of UFO sightings.

Our host, Bill Goldby, then spoke about the UFO incidents in the Cambridge area over the last two years. He regretted that several key eye-witnesses were unable to report their own experiences due to other commitments. Objects seen included a triangular formation of red lights South of Cambridge on November 29th 1979;

"boomerang" shaped craft with coloured lights and a large object described as a "railway carriage" with illuminated windows. Air Traffic Control and the Ministry of Defence were notified of the incidents and severe radio interference was also reported at this time. An F.111 jet fighter-bomber crashed in October 1979 in the area and strange lights in the sky had been reported prior to the disaster.

Early in 1980, a suspected landing took place at Fen Drayton, burn marks being reported. A film had been taken but this was of insufficient quality. A valuable diary of events had been compiled by one witness showing the day-by-day UFO incidences, and this was available at the meeting.

At this stage in the proceedings, Mr. Goldby was hoping that witnesses to the above sightings would have been able to present their first-hand experiences, but as no witnesses could attend, Investigator Mrs. Margaret Fry produced a talk and slide display at very short notice on some of the major sightings she had investigated in depth. These included her own artistic creations of the UFO's superimposed on photographs taken at the locations where the objects were seen.

The principal guest speaker, Mr. Peter Paget, then delivered his lecture entitled "The Spirit of Research". Mr. Paget, author of "The Welsh Triangle" and "UFO-UK" was both dynamic and informative, starting his presentation with recordings of the "Space Odyssey" music and the late John F. Kennedy's famous speech of space conquest - the forerunner of the NASA Apollo space programme. The lecture was wide-ranging covering many aspects of Ufology, but Mr. Paget emphasised the need to assess "what is actually happening" rather than get involved with endless technical data of UFO flight patterns, etc., A few interesting points from the many made by Mr. Paget:- he first considered the division of reports into natural phenomena, psychic phenomena and actual machines or craft, and mentioned the possibility that UFO's utilise the mysterious effects of gravitational forces in controlling their movements. He then questioned the purpose of UFO's being present in and around the Earth, dividing the possibilities as either surveillance or commercial pursuits, procreating their race or ours. The occupants of UFO's, he thought, were not unlike humans biologically and pointed out that 40 basic biochemical blocks exist in space. However, radiations from the craft were dangerous to human biology and there was an unfortunate tendency for humans to "hit out" against things which they did not understand.

Mr. Paget was enthusiastic about social investigations particularly with young children and even those who may be mentally disturbed, as a means of gaining experience in discerning whether UFO contactees are witnessing real or imaginary events. He mentioned three types of close encounter witnesses - those who are lucid; those in a state of shock and those with psychic or telepathic links with UFO's.

After covering a vast amount of ground, Mr. Paget concluded by



warning of difficult times ahead, suggesting that the planetary alignments of 1982 may give rise to severe earthquakes, and mentioned the possibility of UFO interference in tense international situations such as in the Middle East.

The audience were then invited to put their questions to Mr. Paget and a further hour of interesting discussion resulted.- the meeting finally concluding about 19.00.

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The Committee wish to express their thanks to Mr. Goldby and his team for arranging such an attractive venue and to all Speakers, particularly Mr. Paget, for spending so much of his time in the hall.  
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PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION 1980: WINNING ENTRY

"HOW I WOULD REACT TO A PERSONAL CONFRONTATION  
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WITH A UFO OCCUPANT"-----

by M. J. CRAIG Berlin W.Germany

I lay down my "AUTUMN 1980" edition of "AWARENESS" and ponder over the prize essay competition and in particular the question "How would I react to a personal confrontation with a UFO occupant". I sink back into my sofa and try to visualise the scene; the hopes the dreams and the romantic ideals that the subject conjures up for me. But how would I react to the REALITY of such an encounter?

Having never to my knowledge ever seen a UFO, how do I justify this deeply set belief that I possess? This 'knowledge' which is neither joyously enhanced further by reports of new sightings or deflated in any way by new 'disproofs'. I accept without cause for awe or wonder that extra-terrestrial spacecraft exist in our skies. Of course they do - They always have done. I believe this whole galaxy of ours is teeming with intelligent life-forms and most of it is basically humanoid.

The only difference though between those who traverse the stars and come to watch us, and ourselves here on Earth, is that they are far more advanced than we are. And their advanced science, is the science of Metaphysics and their method of propulsion from solar system to solar system, is achieved by the harnessed power of thought. Thought which is instantaneous. As so is for UFO occupants, deep long distance space travel.

We are being nursed out of our Earthly womb and some of these space people are standing by as 'mid-wives'. And this Human facet emerging from the womb, is the spiritual core of Man. Slowly prising its way out and at present struggling with great difficulty. And we can recognise this gradual emergence here on Earth in the form of the increasing number of psychic powers displayed, and the growing interest in all aspects of the occult and general "New Age" subjects.

We live in the midst of a physical materialistic world, which is our reality - and our womb - Their reality is of the Metaphysical spiritual world, which is non-materialistic. When we grow up and throw away our toys, bombs and guns and all those things that we like other people to see us dressed up in to boost our egos, then I'm sure we'll find companions in the Universe. They, who will come down, shake our hands and bid us "Welcome to the galaxy - come and see where we live!"

But at the moment though, they are just watching us struggle and hoping that we will live through our infant birth - and not perish in the throes.

When I meet my first occupant from an extra-terrestrial spaceship, I will I guess, be seeking for him, her, hermaphrodite asexual Being or whatever the case may be, to extol those present beliefs that I hold. But I will naturally be open to new knowledge and to truths which may well be contrary to what I believe to be true.

The reaction though! What sort of emotions will be racing through my head? Fear? Excitement? Joy? Terror? .....

It is night time. A bright blinding light suddenly and dramatically bursts into life outside the window of my upstairs study and the room is drenched with this intense whiteness. My copy of "AWARENESS" falls to the floor and my two cats stand electrified and transfixed rigid! Hair on end with rails bristling like bushes!

A ruby red glow is now gradually subduing the white light and at this weird change of colour, my heart moves firmly up to lodge itself in my throat. I somehow with forced movements hasten myself towards the window. And I look outside.

Hovering directly above the field which faces our back garden is an immense saucer. It is pulsating with an awesome power - a rhythm at constant with the Universe. And there is a circle of flickering lights revolving on top. The sight is hypnotic!

A glow is alternating colour - ruby red - burning white - mystic blue green - In no time at all I am through the study door and leaping down the stairs five at a time - I am almost flying! With my heart now thudding against my chest and beating wildly to get out, I am racing along the corridor and standing in the kitchen poised with my hand reaching for the door handle leading to the garden - and that thing outside....STOP! My mind is suddenly jolted into stark clarity. What IS this?!! - The absurdity of the situation is shocking - or perhaps it is the REALITY of the situation!.... incredible.... a dream it MUST be....

Just before I turn the door handle a thought enters my head.

Why me?



..... and I am watching a sliver of light which is gradually widening and opening, appear on the hull of the emblazoned saucer. The auric haze surrounding the vessel is tremulous and coercing beautiful colours literally undreamt of. They are exploding blending and melting with each other!

The entrance to the spaceship is ovular and a shining surface now slides down to the ploughed field beneath ..... a shadow appears at the top of the ramp and as I look intently, I feel it gazing at me. For the first time I feel a cold fear touch me with its icy finger. What if .....

The shadow descends. This alien Being from another planet now crosses the furrows and approaches me, drawing closer and closer, ever nearer and nearer. The former shadow becomes a shadow no more and I see it now to be distinctly humanoid. One may expect to feel relief perhaps, but even so an urge of panic is rising persistently upwards and I inadvertently take a step backwards.... two .... three .... I am looking at its feet but it is not walking; it is gliding through the air and I am struck numb with fright. I try to tell my body to turn and run but it doesn't move. IT DOESN'T MOVE! .... Then something strange happens. All of a sudden I no longer wish to run - this is not my decision I know it, but I am powerless to argue. Something from the alien has subdued my fright surely? .... or has it come from me? I get the feeling that maybe some subconscious memory has floated up to quell me, I do indeed get this impression, but I'm not sure. It's so very confusing, what sort of memory would try to tell me I have nothing to fear from this Being? - It could be hypnotising me....

I notice the silvery moon is shining from behind a tree. It seems to be hiding.

..... There are two eyes and they are the eyes of wisdom and of knowledge .... such knowledge!.... and understanding .... they are seeing right through me, looking for something, searching right into the depths of my soul and opening me up. They see all of me with all my secrets, but strangely enough I feel no shame. The alien explores the whole of my mind for what seems like an eternity and I can do nothing to stop it .... but I don't want to. Somehow I feel cleansed, perhaps through just knowing that somebody understands. Understanding exactly what, I don't know - but just understanding that's all.

I was still in some kind of dreamy haze when I sensed the alien leave my presence. I wanted very much to follow and enter the saucer, and I know that I would have left the Earth without a tear. But as a token - although a very thought provoking one - the alien left a message with me which floated with the swirling currents of air and lingered on well after the rising spacecraft had whirled away to blink into insignificance amongst the thousand million stars above.



And the unspoken words I was left in wonder to contemplate;

"You cannot come with me, for you must know that you have work to do here, and if you fail there will be no point in my returning, for the likelihood will be that YOU will no longer exist and nor will your planet."

.... And nor will your planet.

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PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION 1981

The Committee wish to announce that the Prize Essay Competition will continue this year and an award of £15.00 will be made to the winning entry. The dead-line for entries will be January 1st 1982, and will be judged by members of the National Committee between that date and the Annual General Meeting. The result will be announced at the Annual General Meeting and the award made then, should the winning candidate be present. The Committee's judgement shall be final.

The subjects for the 1981 essay shall be one of the following:-

- i) WHY UFO'S DO NOT MAKE THEMSELVES OBVIOUS AND COMMUNICATE WITH THE HUMAN RACE.
- ii) HOW DO YOU CONSIDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY PRODUCED FILMS RELATES TO THE TRUTH CONCERNING THE UFO ENIGMA?
  - a) "HANGER 18"
  - b) "CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND" (Either version)

The successful essay will be printed in a future "Awareness". No essay should exceed 1500 words in length, but may be provided with references if applicable. MS should be submitted to 48 Crown Road, Wheatley, Nr. Oxford, Oxon., and must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope to guarantee acknowledgement of receipt. Author's membership numbers should accompany their MS.

Every winning essay shall become the copyright of CONTACT INTERNATIONAL (UK), and the factual accuracy of its contents be the responsibility of the author. Accompanying illustrations must be high quality and easily reproducible (ie a faint pencil sketch will be unacceptable), but will remain the property of the author.

No member of the National Committee or any other officially appointed officer (field investigators excepted) of CONTACT INTERNATIONAL (UK) are permitted to enter this competition.

Entries will be acceptable from the date of receipt of this "AWARENESS" and further reminders will be placed in the Summer and Autumn editions.

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# BRIEF GUIDE FOR TALK AND/OR SLIDE PRESENTATIONS

by Ruth Rees President CONTACT INTERNATIONAL

With the increasing demand for skilled UFO researchers from Contact International to talk to groups around the country, we feel that certain basic guidelines should be indicated to ensure that these talks and/or presentations are given in such a way as to enhance the general prestige of Contact International.

Nothing is more off-putting than a fidgety speaker or one who lacks the basic knowledge of microphone usage. If you are already expert at presentation, then of course you are already familiar with the following, but for newcomers to the skill (and it is a skill) please bear in mind the points itemised below:

1. Make certain that your slides are in the proper order AND the right way up before you begin your talk.
2. Do not speak with your mouth a few inches only from the microphone as this will result in an unpleasant "popping" noise.
3. Do not try to juggle your papers in one hand and the microphone in another. The proximity of papers close to a mike results in a series of crackles that destroys the presentation. The proper method is to sit down at a table, if possible, and speak into the microphone, looking down at your papers or, preferably, holding one paper at a time in your hand. If you cannot sit down because you need to be near the screen for your slides or film, then arrange for a table next to you with your papers arranged in order so that one can be picked up at a time for reading, then either handed over to an assistant, or replaced on the table.
4. When speaking from notes, DO look up at your audience from time to time. You should be sufficiently familiar with your talk to be able to do this. A continuous stream of information without any contact with the audience results in a deadening monotony.
5. Be careful about the pacing of your talk. Try and start with a striking note and end with one. Do not just drift on, apparently aimlessly, and come to a sudden stop.
6. A list of facts does not a talk make. Particularly in UFO matters. Most people who attend such a presentation will be very familiar with UFO sighting reports and they certainly will not appreciate sitting still in a chair for an hour or so listening to a non-stop recital of more. Have something special to say. A viewpoint to express; a point to make.
7. Do not try and cram in too much at one time. A talk making three specific interesting points is far more useful and worthwhile than a talk roaming over a wide, unwieldy range of details.

REMEMBER - WHENEVER YOU STAND UP IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE AS A MEMBER OF CONTACT INTERNATIONAL (and that means all of us) YOU WILL EMBODY



FOR THAT AUDIENCE THE PERSONALITY OF C.I. - SO PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THE EFFECT IS AN EFFICIENT AND PLEASING ONE, NOT TO SAY INFORMATIVE!

President - Contact International

EDITOR: Ruth Rees is a professional public relations officer and we are grateful for her advice in presenting this guide to lecture and slide presentations in view of the increasing calls from outside bodies for speakers on UFO subjects.

## UFOLOGICAL ILLUSIONS

A Series by G.E. Ambler\*

### PART II MOVING BODIES FROM SPACE

In part I (AWARENESS Winter 1980) we considered those stars, planets and multiple systems which could be mistaken for UFO's. Other bodies approaching Earth from space including man-made satellites placed in orbit around the Earth must also be considered as often mistaken for UFO's.

The bodies are further divided into those whose appearance is predictable:- artificial satellites, most satellite re-entries and comets, and those that are unpredictable:- meteors, shooting stars and some satellite re-entries.

ARTIFICIAL SATELLITES: These are now so numerous that several orbiting satellites should be visible on any night of the year in clear conditions. For UK observers, the appearance is of a steadily moving light against a background of stars and usually no brighter or larger than the pole-star polaris. The maximum amount of time that a satellite in orbit takes to transit from horizon to horizon is about twenty minutes (1). It is estimated that UK observers will spot a moving satellite at an elevation of  $45^{\circ}$  above the horizon or higher - follow it overhead - and lose it from vision again around  $45^{\circ}$  elevation in the opposite direction mainly due to the hazy sky over the UK. The duration of observation without binoculars will be around five minutes.

SHOOTING STARS/METEORS: Space rubble varying in size from specks of sand to giant boulders burn up when entering the Earth's atmosphere. The majority of meteors are seen for a split second as luminous moving objects before their complete destruction occurs. Meteors become luminous at a height of 100 miles above the Earth and are destroyed usually by the time they reach 60-70 miles above the Earth (2). The brightness of the meteor can vary considerably

but all will be moving at extremely high velocity up to 45,000 mph.

Larger objects sometimes escape initial burning up and may reach the lower confines of the atmosphere when they may be visible in day light as bright glowing spheres - the most likely time for confusion with UFO's. These larger meteors can be seen for up to 10 seconds and are usually silent.

More rarely, a very large meteor will crash to Earth before burning up. The physical evidence of a "meteorite" will of course be present subsequently.

Meteors exist in very large numbers and their arrival is unpredictable except for peak dates every year when very high incidences of arrival will be certain. The best viewing nights are:-

January 4	"Quadrantids"
August 12	"Perseids"
December 13	"Geminids"

Forty to fifty sightings per hour are possible on these nights. (Data Research received enquiries after the last December 13th "showers").

The position of the Earth in orbit around the Sun determines the appearance of these meteor "showers" which are named after the constellations in the sky from which most appear to emanate. These positions are known as "radiants".

COMETS: Giant solid/gaseous bodies moving in eccentric orbits round the Solar system. There is little chance of these being mistaken for UFO's as the appearance of a large visible comet is heavily reported by the media well in advance and similar publicity is given to new discoveries. The motion of comets will appear very slow for the time they are visible in the sky. The reappearance of Halley's comet will be in 1986, but the predictions are that it will be a very faint object in the sky.

SATELLITE RE-ENTRIES: A great deal of confusion exists on the exact visual effects of satellite re-entries. Major sightings over the UK on December 31st 1978 and December 25th 1980 have been predominately put down to re-entries, but some descriptions on file at Data Research are so sophisticated that one has to consider very seriously that these sightings may have been UFO's.

Re-entries are considered to show the following features (1):-

1. The apparent speed of re-entries is usually slower than that of meteors.
2. Re-entries move in a flat trajectory (parallel to Earth)
3. Observations are usually in excess of ten seconds.



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4. They usually have east-bound trajectories.
5. Breaking up of the main object into smaller pieces may be observed.

Some years ago all re-entries were reasonably easy to predict, but with the vast numbers of satellites and burnt out rockets now somewhere in orbit, not all re-entry times can be estimated any longer.

(Further information is desired on satellite re-entries from witnesses, so that an accurate composite description of the visual effects can be compiled at Data Research).

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#### READERS LETTERS

Dear Sir,

May I add a few ideas to the articles on the origins of UFO's (AWARENESS Winter 1980)? Flammonde and others leave little doubt that the Nazis were experimenting with high-performance flying discs; probably the fruits of these researches went to the USA, since an early Keyhoe article refers to a circular Navy jet, possibly the rumoured jet-powered version of the flying flapjack. If you recall, Condon had the gall to allege that the Convair "Flying Flapjack" (the propellor version) never flew; photo's of it in flight are legion. And what of the Avro saucer? Supposedly "research was discontinued" - but in the language of the military community, that can be a convenient way of saying that a project has gone operational! It is consistent with military-intelligence policy to farm out experimental projects to different organisations and keep each in ignorance of what the other is doing, so possibly Avro & Convair (or was it Chance Vought?) are just the tip of the iceberg. On the other hand, it quite clearly wasn't the projects of any of these programmes which blasted RAF pilots out of the skies in the late forties and later, reputedly, devastated a SAM base in Scotland which was foolish enough to unleash its missiles at UFO's. As for the Roswell business, my superficial impression -gained from skimming in a bookshop - is that the military secrecy industry ineptly transformed a skyhook or target balloon into a flying saucer; however, I await the paperback edition. As for the neo-Nazi UFO's if they exist, US intelligence knows about them (so presumably - via satellite - does the KGB).

My suggestion - and bear in mind that my position has always been that the bulk of UFO's belong to our reality and are probably based on Mars or Luna - is that some of the more bizarre UFO incidents may

be explained by analogy with the chess-robot freakout. Commercial chess robots contain a finite number of programmes, designed to deal with a rational opponent. According to an article in Scientific American some time ago, it is possible to psych-out some of these robots by cunning rather than skill: the opponent aims to create a pattern of pieces on the board which, to a real-life player, would be idiotic and perhaps suicidal. However, the pattern is outside any of the robot's programme, so instead of taking advantage of the position, the robot freaks out and starts making equally absurd moves. The opponent (assuming his basic strategy has been sound) now moves in for a rapid kill.

By analogy, the number of programmes in the average human mind is, though enormous and capable of constant expansion, finite. According to one legend, the inhabitants of Terra del Fuego were literally unable to see Darwin's ship 'The Beagle' because it was outside any frame of reference with which they could associate it. This general idea is explored in H.G.Wells's philosophical tour de force 'Country of the Blind'. .....

..... To sum up, then, the suggestion is that some UFO's are the opposite of illusions. They represent a reality which is beyond the programming of the ordinary human brain and is therefore totally misinterpreted by our mental apparatus. Hence the impression that so many of the Ufonauts are fake prophets and mischief-makers; it is actually our brains which have served up both the prophecies and the mischief, having been thoroughly bewildered by the input!

Yours faithfully

B.J. Burden, Braintree.

Dear Sir,

In an article entitled "Investigations" (AWARENESS Autumn 1980 p.3) your "Chief" Research Officer (or is he "Senior" Research Officer?) insists on correct spelling.

Perhaps he himself would like to follow his own advice by spelling "Geiger Counter" correctly.

M. Cassierer, Piltdown.

Ed.: We are most apologetic for this spelling error having followed the well-known English grammar rule - "i" before "e" except after "c" - this of course does not apply to foreign proper names particularly those of German origin.

All contributors of articles or reports should check correct spelling of proper names, as unless the person(s) concerned are well-known celebrities, your Editor will be unable to make any corrections.



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Dear Sir,

I was very surprised to see the comments in the recent article "Hysteria, Poisoning or What?" (AWARENESS Autumn 1980 edition).

During the incident reported at Hollingwell, Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts., when children at a music festival collapsed, it should be stated that not all the children present collapsed and a much smaller percentage of adults present were ill.

Before and after the Hollingwell incident, I was working in the Kirkby area, and spoke to several people regarding the affair. As the Kirkby/Sutton-in-Ashfield community is very close-knit, any mention of a UFO landing would have been rife in general conversation and at no stage did I ever hear a story remotely concerning a UFO.

As a thought, if a landed UFO had released gas so as to create a local atmospheric condition all people present would have shown signs of sickness and possibly plant and animal life would be showing symptoms. All people present were not reported as sick and no strange signs were seen on plants or animals.

Whilst I am always willing to consider possible UFO contacts of whatever types, I do feel that unsupported statements could damage the public's willingness to accept what we may know to be fact.

As just a thought could the strange incident at Hollingwell be in any way the same sort of hysteria that caused the wild mass public dancing along the Mediterranean coast in the Middle Ages?

Yours sincerely,  
A.R. O'Dell, Nottingham.

ED.: You are perfectly correct in raising arguments against UFO involvement and I assume you are fairly sure in your own mind that hysteria was the cause of the calamity. A good deal of information was obtained from newspaper cuttings which we all know are subject to exaggeration. On the other hand, the BBC medical programme last August devoted a full half hour to the subject and produced witnesses who claimed most adamantly that no hysteria was involved.

The cutting that mentioned UFO's was in the Daily Telegraph - possibly a more factual paper. The headline was:-

"FLYING SAUCER ALERT AFTER JAZZ BAND CHILDREN COLLAPSED"

(26th July). This is on file at headquarters.

The important issue here, I think, is that the forester who had the Close Encounter in Scotland, November 1979, passed out after smelling something on the creatures that approached him and we think this case to be genuine. Therefore, 8 months later, could the same

craft and occupants reappear in Nottinghamshire? As all UFO evidence is very limited, any link between two or more possible cases is eagerly looked for. I would say all UFO reports are "unsupported" until witnesses produce physical evidence - that elusive artifact, or statistically significant data on a number of cases.

The question of why some people collapsed and others did not is relevant. Their position in relation to wind direction at the time could be a factor. Bon-fire smoke usually moves only in one direction in a narrow plume for some distance, and standing upwind from the fire, one escapes most of the fumes. Assuming this mystery gas was the cause of the collapse, did it move in a narrow plume or permeate in a wide arc?

You mentioned animals and plants in connection with symptoms - two horses were quoted as victims (p. 8). Plants - there is no information on these - but like some weed killers, it might take days of continuous exposure for any signs to emerge. It appears that we had children, adults, babies and some horses all affected in some way. The key question is - could mass hysteria work in this fashion on all these four groupings?

Obviously some of the information must be false, but the whole business seems rather weird. Please send any further information on the subject which might come to light at this late stage.

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## REVIEWS

### BOOK REVIEW

THE JANOS PEOPLE by Frank Johnson  
Neville Spearman 198 pages

Late on the night of Monday June 19th 1978, whilst travelling on a lonely Oxfordshire Road, John and his family noticed a bright light following them. After memory and time loss, we appear to have a typical CE4 case.

Familiar details emerge, itching of skin, bruises that cannot be accounted for and strange recall dreams, all of which have been fully investigated by the author. Hypnotic regression was applied to the family and the final story is uncovered.

This is an interesting book, based on the usual theme, but with a new twist concerning origins.

The family were taken on board a space craft and given a medical examination by blond, fair-skinned, gentle anti-war folk, who have left their dying plant Janos. They maintain that Earth was once their home and it seems that 10 million remaining Janos are orbiting



our planet in the hope of finding a new home with us. The author feels that they would be quite at home in Europe.

I must say that sketches in the book are a bit hard to swallow. Fashion designers must have the same ideas the whole galaxy over!

Yet again we have an interesting CE4 case to fire our imagination, but alas, with all due respect to the author and contactees, I feel that time alone will prove the absence of the Janos people.

Mrs. S. Rees

## FILM REVIEW

### "HANGAR 18"

Sunn Classic Productions Ltd.

Starring Darren McGavin, Robert Vaughn, Gary Collins, James Hampton.  
Directed by James L. Conway.

The film claims to be based on facts and although the original incident is not named as such, it is clearly the famed "Roswell Incident" of 1947 when a UFO is reported to have crashed in New Mexico with dead alien occupants on board. Both craft and occupants were quickly hidden away by the Military authorities in a hangar stated to be at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to avert mass panic by the public. To this day, the secret remains locked away under a monumental sized cover-up.

In the film, a UFO and a satellite launched from the space shuttle collide somewhere in orbit around the Earth, with the ultimate destruction of the satellite. The UFO plummets to Earth and crash lands in Arizona. A few local witnesses claim to see the landing, but they are ultimately silenced by some rather vicious "Men In Black". These MIB's grow in number as the film progresses and spend a good deal of time hounding the Space Shuttle astronauts who become increasingly suspicious at the lack of explanations of the UFO they saw in space at the time of the incident.

The crashed UFO is somehow lifted from Arizona to the secret "Hangar 18" in Texas - the means of lifting a giant UFO intact and some 500 miles are left to one's imagination! The climax comes when a team of investigators at the hangar try to enter the UFO - still winking lights after its crash landing! Inside they find dead aliens - or are they not aliens at all? A team of over-exuberant scientists then pore over the controls of the machine like children playing with new toys. Hundreds of control panels decorated with strange hieroglyphics festoon the cockpit of the UFO - all meaningless until some bright boy cracks the code and shatters the Extra-terrestrial origin theory.

In the meantime, the politicians catagorically announce that

all traces of the incident must be covered up because they are in the process of re-electing the President who might be regarded as unstable or worse, if he went on television to announce a UFO landing! Sadly, the politicians ill-considered logic win the day as the final scenes testify.

The film lacks any actors of stature and the technical effects are rather amateurish compared with other recent science fiction films. The impression of a low budget was felt. It is possible that viewers will be entertained but not very convinced of the reality of the incident. Easier to follow than "Close Encounters", but judging from the length of runs in the main city cinemas, "Hangar 18" may be destined for oblivion!

G. E. Ambler

### SELECTED UFO REPORTS

by D. N. Mansell

15th August 1979. Time 12.30 a.m. Place - Winchcombe, Glos.

The witness, an elderly lady, was looking out of her bedroom window, after getting a drink of milk, when she noticed strange lights, on a local hill about a mile and a half away. They appeared to be shaped like a chandelier and sparkled like a handful of diamonds. On the outside there appeared to be four small lights like torches, moving around the ground. All was visible for about 25 minutes, then the object took off and disappeared.

INVESTIGATED by DATA RESEARCH

22nd August 1979. Time 6.30 p.m. Place - Artesia, New Mexico, USA

Eight witnesses saw a large object, coloured silver, stationary in the sky. A small object appeared from the bottom of the object and flew off very fast. The large object then split into two and flew off Northwards upside down.

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26th August 1979. Time 3.30 a.m. Place - Sterling, Kansas, USA

Six objects were seen travelling from West to East and each contained a bright white light. The lights on all objects then started to flash in unison, alternating between long and short flashes. When the flashing started, the objects appeared to stop all forward movement and just hung in the sky. Flashing ceased after fifteen minutes and the objects disappeared Eastwards.

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28th August 1979. Time 9.20 p.m. Place - Warrington, Cheshire.

The witnesses saw a bright light the size of a pea, coloured white. The object was flashing and there was a red light behind it. It changed course several times and was visible for about twenty minutes. The witnesses saw several moving lights after this and up to 10.15 p.m. It had been ruled out as being an aircraft by Air Traffic Control.

INVESTIGATED by KATHY WALDRON

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28th August 1979. Time 8.00 p.m. approx. Place - Berinsfield Oxon.

The witnesses saw a large oval shaped object, coloured white and the size of a football. It was seen hovering for ten minutes and then suddenly de-materialized.

INVESTIGATED by SANDIE ROBB

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30th August 1979. Time 4.15 a.m. Place - Hale, Cheshire.

The witness got up early to get a glass of milk. She then saw out of her kitchen window a bright yellow light. The object was circular, completely silent and as large as a full moon. It came towards the witness' house silently and seemed to be rotating as it passed overhead slowly, taking about four minutes to disappear. The witness did not go out to see where the object had gone as she was too scared. Incidentally, dogs were barking at the time.

INVESTIGATED by KATHY WALDRON

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1st September 1979. Time 12.30 a.m. Place - St. John's County  
Florida, USA

A husband and wife saw an egg-shaped object, flying on a steady straight course. The object had a dome on top and a smaller dome on the bottom and it was glowing white and pulsating. At the same time a Deputy Sheriff wrecked his car and was burned, not because of his accident but from a large glowing white object of similar description.

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1st September 1979. Time 3.30 a.m. Place - Wisconsin USA

Three Deputy Sheriffs saw two cylinder shaped objects hovering about 150-200 feet above a wood. The objects had two bright lights below them.

UFO NEWS CLIPPING SERVICE

3rd September 1979. Time 6.30 p.m. Place - Wendlebury Oxon.

The witness, an American Airman, was driving on the A421, when he saw a round orange object, at tree top level. The object was like a beachball with concave segments and as large as a full moon. It was moving from North East to South East at a speed of about 12 mph. No balloons had been reported in the area.

INVESTIGATED by DATA RESEARCH

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5th September 1979. Time Various Place - Wisconsin; Texas;  
New Mexico; USA

Quite a few objects including discs were seen over these States including two landings. In three instances, State Police were involved.

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6th September 1979. Time 8.45 p.m. Place - Blackpool Lancs.

The witness was disturbed by the sound of jet aircraft flying overhead. These turned out to be two fighters. His children had said a UFO was in the sky also, so he took his binoculars outside. The object turned out to be a bright star. However the jet fighters were making wide sweeps of the area, which was suspicious. He then noticed a bright white light the size of a pea suddenly appear. It continued to increase in brilliance, then gradually diminished and disappeared over the Irish Sea. The original two jets were joined by two others and they continued making wide sweeps of the area.

INVESTIGATED by DATA RESEARCH

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12th September 1979 Time 8.20 p.m. Place - Wheatley Oxon.

The witness and her family were driving when they noticed some bright lights over a local hill. The lights were circular, very bright white and grouped together in a cluster. They then appeared to tip and form a line, dipping from left to right and rush down to tree level. The witnesses failed to see how the lights finally disappeared.

INVESTIGATED by DATA RESEARCH

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14th September 1979 Time 4.30 a.m. Place - Witney Oxon.

The witness awoke at about 4.15 a.m. to attend her daughter



who was sick. On looking out of a window, she was utterly amazed to see a bright oval shaped object. There was a dull red light flickering and she watched this for about 10 minutes, when in a split second the object turned into a sausage shape, this being covered in very tiny bright lights. After a few seconds, it returned to its original shape. In a quick movement the object moved backwards and forwards, fading and getting brighter each time. The witness watched the object for thirty-five minutes and then went back to bed. On rising at 7.30 a.m. the witness saw a thick trail of vapour over some fir trees, near to where the object had been. A freshly uprooted fir tree was found nearby. Whether there was any connection is uncertain.

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 INVESTIGATED by DATA RESEARCH  
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NEWS REPORTS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST

Giant Roach captured in ocean depths. Not the household roach, but a sea roach, (*bathynomeus giganteus*). It carries its young in fourteen pouches and it bites! Usually these creatures are scattered around the ocean depths, often at depths of four thousand feet. Now about a dozen are in aquariums and reproducing successfully.

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Artificial Comet flies in space? In Autumn 1983 the USA and Germany hope to launch two rockets, each will release a ball of gas approx., 95,000 kilometres above the earth. The clouds should move at a million and half kilometres an hour. The gases will be ionized by sun-light then expand into glowing spheres with tails flowing behind them for thousands of kilometres. The scientists will be watching what happens to the gases as they are effected by the solar wind, which is a plasma ejected by the sun.

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Ancient Genius. Did you know that two thousand years ago, the Greeks had a coin-operated vending machine? Also that in AD 132 the Chinese had a primitive seismograph and they constructed iron cable suspension bridges and manufactured steel about a thousand years before the Western world.

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Rocket Launchers. Are these dated? It is hoped, in the near future that we will have a new launcher known as a mass driver. This consists of a metal tube approximately 5 miles long which can be pointed into space by, ie: resting against a hill. This mass driver uses electro-magnetic power and can be powered by a normal conventional power station. The driver should be able to throw a one ton payload from earth, every few minutes. The main benefits of such a launcher are the cheap running costs and the simplicity of just pushing a button to sling a satellite into space.

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